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MESA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN SALE VIOLATIONS

PHOENIX - Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Lester D. Martz, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on November 30, 2004, James Francis Adler, DOB 11/10/1949 of Mesa, Ariz., pleaded guilty in federal district court in Phoenix to Dealing in Firearms without a License in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 922(a)(1)(A).

Between July 19, 2003 and December 4, 2003 Adler maintained a table at five different gun shows and displayed approximately 25 firearms for sale. During this period of time, Adler sold seven handguns to ATF undercover agents, both at gun shows and away from gun shows. Undercover agents also observed the defendant sell two handguns to a private purchaser. Adler acquired the firearms that he sold for the purpose of making a profit on their sale, not for the enhancement of his own collection.

A conviction for Dealing in Firearms without a License carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$ 250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set before Judge James A. Teilborg on February 14, 2005.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Emory Hurley, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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